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YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION ELECTS OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS, HONORS JUDGE DIANE VESCOVO

Memphis, Tenn.—The Young Lawyers Division (YLD) of the Memphis Bar Association held its Annual Meeting and Elections at Alfred's on Beale on Thursday, November 18th. At the event, **Shon Johnson**, Black McLaren Jones Ryland & Griffee, PC, officially took reign as the 2011 YLD President, automatically succeeding from the position of Vice President/President-Elect in 2010, and **Abby Jones Webb**, Shuttleworth Williams, PLLC, was elected to serve as the 2011 Vice President/President-Elect.

In addition, nine members were elected to sit on the 2011 YLD Board of Directors:

Annie T. Christoff, Bass, Berry & Sims, PLC
Maggie Cooper, Thomason, Hendrix, Harvey, Johnson & Mitchell, PLLC
Jake Dickerson, Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC
Kristin Dunavant, Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC
Malcolm "Macky" B. Futhey III, Farris Bobango Branan PLC
Nicole Grida, Leitner, Williams, Dooley & Napolitan, PLLC
Irwin Magevney, Law Offices of Gary Green, PLLC
David McKinney, The Law Office of David E. McKinney
Keisha Moses Richardson, Glassman, Edwards, Wade, and Wyatt, PC

Also at the meeting, U.S. Magistrate **Judge Diane K. Vescovo** was honored with the 2010 Chancellor Charles A. Rond Memorial Award for Outstanding Judge of the Year. In 1976, the YLD established an annual award to be given to the outstanding Judge in Shelby County, Tennessee, in honor of the late Chancellor Charles A. Rond. Chancellor Rond was known for his intelligence, fairness, wise decisions, integrity and great wit. All judges in Shelby County are eligible to receive the award. In casting their vote, YLD members are asked to consider the ability, demeanor, integrity and diligence of each judge.

Concluding its 2010 efforts to raise money for the **Downtown Porter Boys & Girls Club**, 2010 YLD President Kyle Wiggins presented club director Charles Griffin with **\$4,000** at the event. The YLD has been raising money annually for the Porter Club since 2007. The mission of the Boys and Girls Club is "to inspire and enable all young people, especially those from disadvantaged circumstances, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens."

Established in 1874, the Memphis Bar Association is a voluntary association of attorneys and judges upholding high standards of integrity in the legal profession through continuing professional education, supporting legal services to all in the community, and educating the public about law and the administration of justice.